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R7 Superfund ERNB/ERSB Staff Meeting – Monday, April 3, 2017

CID Case - Fiberglass

Kevin gave an overview of a response where CID was involved. It began in June of 2015 when we were asked to do recon on 54 55-gallon drums abandoned on private property in Nebraska. The owner manufactured fiberglass forms, and the drums contained fiberglass resin. The owner said he was storing the drums temporarily. He later moved them to Seward, NE, where they have been ever since. CID got involved and he made a plea agreement, but did not honor that agreement. He was served again, made another plea agreement, and will begin serving 6 months in prison on May 15. He was charged with mismanagement of hazardous waste.

Abandoned Boat on the Mississippi

A 31-foot Chris Craft boat was stranded last week on a wing dike near Cape Girardeau. The USCG has no jurisdiction for pleasure craft, and it was unclear what our jurisdiction would be. The boat sat there all of last week. Heath will check today to see if it's still there and whether it can be towed. Mike said there was talk of opening the Fund, but there's still the problem of what to do with the boat. Heath talked to Cape Girardeau law enforcement, who initially said they usually tow boats like this, but ended up saying it was not in their jurisdiction. Ken noted that if it has oil in it, you can open the Fund to at least assess the situation. OT and travel expenses can be charged to the Fund. Ken also recommended reading the MOA between the USCG and the EPA.

RRT Meeting

Ken reported on last week's RRT meeting. Bob Stewart with DOI was recognized for 50 years of Federal service, with 37 years as a member of the RRT. Ken sent a note to Curtis Carey about getting a picture of the occasion on social media. HQ approved and it was posted, but Bob asked that it be taken down because he was concerned about identity theft. Ken reminded everyone to be taking pictures of what is happening in the field. Ben Washburn noted that they like to see the FRONT of EPA shirts and people's faces, focusing on action shots vs. shots that look staged.

Westlake

Ben reported on a protest last week at the Westlake landfill where people chained themselves to barrels. He said more protests will probably be coming. The protest did not hinder work at the site. James noted that KMOV has a clip of the protest on their website: <http://www.kmov.com/story/35039881/protesters-blocking-entrance-to-west-lake-landfill>.

Kevin gave an update on work at the site. Work is proceeding on the north corner (the old landfill). Grading work is being completed, with capping work to start this week, weather permitting.

Reminders Regarding Vehicles

- The geoprobe trailer is out of commission; the wheel fell off. There is no ETA for its return to service.
- Fuel: ALWAYS choose the LOWEST price of gas when filling the tank on a GOV. Higher priced fuel does not make the vehicle run better, but it does get your name on the "naughty" list.

Reminders

Get your mid-year accomplishments reports ready; mid-year reviews will be scheduled soon.

Don't touch timekeeping now until Wednesday – or else.

In Concur, ignore the first email you receive that indicates action is needed. Wait for the second email.

WebEOC

Kansas Emergency Managers training on WebEOC will take place here at the RO tomorrow from 1:00 to 4:00. If you have time to sit in, please do so. You have to sign up for the meeting; see Dave for details.

START R1, R2, Standby

Dave asked Ted and Lynn for an updated list for these responders, which he will send around to everyone. The goal is to make sure we have strong R1s for START.

Aha! Moments from RRT

Dave Mosby talked about the long-eared bat being endangered. Ken said this is a good reminder that any time we're destroying trees, we need to consult with USFWS by phone. Todd asked if there are species in Missouri that might not be listed as endangered in Kansas. Randy Brown said the person to consult in Kansas is probably John Miesner with USFWS in Manhattan.

Ken suggested that everyone check out the website on the Zika virus. Doug noted that St. Louis is predicted to be a hot spot this summer.

There was a presentation on the Ft. Calhoun decommissioning; the nuclear rods will need to be moved. Ken noted that we need to be aware of where materials like this are stored in case of tornadoes, earthquakes, a terrorist threat, etc.

There have been a lot of pipeline failures in the region in the last six months, with one death associated with an ammonia release. The pipeline infrastructure is aging, so we need to be prepared as more incidents like this are likely to occur.

Doug talked about the use of social media in reporting on responses. In the case of the MGP release, emergency managers were using Facebook to communicate about the incident as well as the agency website. In this instance, Facebook had the more current information about what was happening.

Ken noted that states are not precluded from using drones the way we are. Kansas used a drone to do a flyover of the Neodesha and Atchison sites, which provided a very good image/overview of what was happening.

Randy Nattis from Region 10 did a presentation on a big mercury response at a high school in Las Vegas.

Ken recommended that, if you didn't attend the RRT meeting, you at least check out the PowerPoint presentations, which have some very good information.

Todd commended Eric on the great job he did finding new and different topics for the RRT. Ken is open to suggestions from anyone for how to give Eric a pat on the back.

Contracts

Misty talked about the space at the bottom of the IGE asking for a description of assumptions and conditions. She asked that information be provided that addresses the entire IGE.

DOI Course in Omaha

Joe talked about this course that he and Megan attended last week. It was on a DOI program to work on oil spill responses. Joe and Megan were invited to present on how DOI can coordinate with the EPA and the NCP. Joe noted that DOI brings a lot of expertise on natural resources as well as historic information. He said it was a very good course. Dave asked Megan and Joe for any pictures they had from the course.

Todd noted that when you do a PRFA with USFWS, double the amount of money you think you will need because their overhead costs are 73%.

SCAT Training

A date has not been set yet, but this training will go over an inland version of SCAT which has been developed which uses electronic forms and is more river and inland oriented. It will be held this year or early in 2018.

Joint Exercise

Ken noted that we have committed to doing an exercise with other agencies this year. Eric is working on details.

Miscellaneous

- Heath mentioned that an explosion had just occurred in downtown St. Louis, but it didn't appear to have environmental repercussions. Turns out a boiler exploded at a Soulard box company; three people were killed and four were injured.
- Pam reminded everyone that if you need help from the Community Engagement staff, you need to get on their calendars right away. They are getting booked up and may not be available if you wait to contact them.
- An Upper Mississippi Basin tabletop exercise will be held June 8-9. Ken said it's free and a good opportunity to connect with subarea partners. He would like some OSCs to participate. Joe will get an email out today.

Training Reminders

- Essentials training is this Thursday, April 6.
 - There is a VI Summit on Friday, April 7, aimed at developing consistency on how these sites are managed. It will be from 9:00 to 3:00 at the TLC.
 - There is more VI training on 4/17 at the STC.
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